

## NEWS OF THE DAY

"To show the very age and body of the Times"

Yesterday morning the hod-carriers of Brooklyn went on a strike, in consequence of which the bricklayers and masons are out of employment. The hod-carriers want \$2.50 for eight hours' work. The masons had previously agreed to work ten hours. A general strike of lathers took place in New York yesterday morning. They are striking for the wages they received last summer and eight hours a day.

The anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights bill and of the evacuation of Richmond were celebrated yesterday in that city by the colored population of Richmond and Manchester, by a turnout of civil societies, military organizations, and colored people generally.

The libel suit against the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier by ex-Congressman Bowen was begun in that city yesterday before a jury of six white and six colored men. The admission of the testimony for the defense was sharply contested at every point.

The committee appointed by the recent Presbyterian Conference in New York has completed the draft of a constitution for the proposed confederation of the Presbyterian Churches, which is to be considered at a meeting in London next July.

Messrs. Benjamin Schulz, of Philadelphia, and Harvey Day, of Camden, N. J., while on a pleasure ride in a carriage at Camden, yesterday, were run into by an Amboy train and shattering, mangled. Schulz died in a few minutes, and Day lies in a precarious condition.

Centennial celebrations are increasing in number. There is to be one at Greensburg, Pa., on the 15th, in commemoration of "the brave men who within four weeks after the battle of Lexington threw off their allegiance to the British crown."

Reports from all parts of Kentucky say that great damage has been done to the fruit and tobacco plants by the unreasonable frosts and snow of last week. The other crops, however, seem not to be greatly injured.

The sporting event of the season in England was the race at Epsom yesterday for the London city and suburban handicap, which was won by Dalham, against which horse at the start the betting was forty to one.

The iron mills at Newburg, Ohio, have resumed operations. The puddlers, who have been on a strike all the winter returned to work accepting the Pittsburgh prices.

The Trion factory, Chatooga county, Ga., was burned Saturday night. Loss \$150,000, insurance \$35,000. Three hundred and fifty hands are thrown out of work.

An organized gang of railroad robbers has been detected at Logansport, Indiana. Their operations have extended over several months past, and amount to thousands of dollars.

The Boston city council have voted \$30,000 towards the centennial celebration, on the 17th of June next, of the battle of Bunker Hill.

The funeral of the aeronauts, who lately lost their lives in a balloon at Paris took place there yesterday.

The freshets along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad have measurably subsided, and the trains have commenced running again.

Colonel Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte arrived at New York yesterday from Europe.

Sir Joseph Hawley, well-known in connection with the British rail, is dead.

On the 11th of May the International Sunday school Convention meets in Baltimore.

The famous race horse Kentucky died on Sunday at Babylon, Long Island.

## County Items.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

Last Friday evening at Mr. Reed's house in Arlington were gathered the old and young of that place, prepared to battle with the hideous demons of the Republic's English. Mr. Reed and Mr. Miles C. Munson chose sides, and Mr. Eaton, the present knowledge dispenser of Columbia School, was unanimously chosen as pedagogue, and feeling the honor no slight one.

He took his stand, Authorities at hand, and commenced with a volley of jaw dislocators which would have quelled the spirits of Worcester and Webster, towering around, had they interfered, but which had no more effect upon that band of martyrs than "Stag" upon Washington legislators; so he changed his tactics, and by seducing them into attacking words from apothecaries' labels, the Greek, &c., all were floored and the "spell ended." Of the school children present, Miss Maggie O'Dowd and Lillian Munson won laurels by the ease with which they disposed of words that puzzled older heads. After a declaration from Master John Hull that indicated his filial piety, the Presidential chair some day, "Bingen," recited by Miss Maggie O'Dowd, a piece that caused Deontology to nearly faint, entitled "Why Don't the Men Propose?" by Miss Nellie Hull, and a song by Miss Mai Reed, Virgie Munson and Hattie Smith all bade their kind host and family "good night," and hid home to meet again, next Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. S. B. Corbett.

Roslyn, in this county, at the end of the Aqueduct Bridge, has become quite a village. There are several dwelling houses, two or three stores and a suit, and it and the surrounding country would improve more rapidly were it not for the Aqueduct Bridge Company, which well deserves the definition of corporation, as given by a certain follower of Blackstone, viz: "two or more persons united in a society, with respect to some common object, to suit to damn." The people of Georgetown stand in their own light by not remedying the evil.

John Drummer who wouldn't drum to a warrant last summer was arrested last week and taken before Justice Pendleton, who after listening to the arguments of the prisoner's counsel, W. A. Roe, extracted costs from him, and dismissed him from custody. Mr. Roe, although never having his "shingle" has a rapidly increasing practice.

Mr. L. W. Hatch planted twenty acres of his farm near the Four Mile Run, in sweet potatoes last year, and they proved so profitable that he has put in another twenty this year. Mr. Harrison Hatch, his brother, will also make a big crop of the same provided the season is propitious.

Edw. Slaughter, a colored driver of one of West's brick wagons, by the caving in of a sand bank, from which he was hauling, in "Hell's Bottom," Washington, D. C., was badly injured last Monday, but may recover. Sometime since a driver named Lewis had an arm broken at the same place.

The case of Wright vs. Sisson had a second hearing before Justices Austin and Watrous last Wednesday. W. A. Roe was counsel for defendant. Judgment of \$3.50 and costs against the defendant.

Messrs. Dove and Mortimer have commenced work on the Arlington Pike. "Ed" knows the difference between Burrough and tangefoot, and in the line of pikes he will no doubt give the travelling public the former straight.

There is a movement on foot among the young men of Arlington to organize a club, and they propose to call it the "Mum Club." Mum is the word.

Mr. Mordecai Taylor has built a slaughter house in Arlington and will supply the county with fresh meat daily.

## Fairfax County Court.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, April 20th, 1875.—The County Court, Judge James Saugster presiding, began its April term yesterday.

Forty deeds and other writings, received in the clerk's office since last court, were certified for record.

The account of W. E. Read, for building the bridge over Difficult Run, for \$292, was ordered to be certified to the Board of Supervisors for payment.

The account (\$2.50) of G. W. Watkins was allowed and ordered to be certified to the Auditor.

It was ordered to be certified that William Butler, who was a pensioner, died on the 3d day of March, 1875.

Two accounts of H. S. Barrow, amounting to \$5 each, were allowed and ordered to be certified.

An account of Ira Williams (\$5) was ordered to be certified to the Auditor.

An account of John Crux (\$14.95) was ordered to be certified to the Auditor.

On the motion of George W. Lee, the Commissioner of Roads for Centreville District was directed to view a way for a road from John T. Wells, on the Warrenton turnpike, to intersect the county road leading from the Little River turnpike to Sudley Mills.

It was ordered that the Commissioner of Roads for Providence Township take charge of and have repaired the bridges over Scott's Run and Difficult Run.

On the motion of Daniel Rose, the estate of Levi Deming was committed to the sheriff.

On the motion of Henry D. Rice, &c., it was ordered that the Commissioner of Roads for Centreville Township view and report the expediency of opening a road from some point on the Colechester road, by the way of Fox's Mill to the Braddock road.

M. H. Wells was substituted trustee in the place of A. B. Williams in a deed of trust from Joseph T. Cartwell.

On John L. Moore's motion for a road; vi. w. er's report returned and ordered to be filed and land owners summoned.

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The last will of Henry S. Jones was proved and ordered to be recorded.

The last will of Aaron Alfred was proved and ordered to be recorded.

The last will of Antone Alfred was proved and ordered to be recorded.

Nelson Voorhees, one of the executors of Aaron E. Alfred, qualified—bond \$1,500.

Administration with the will annexed of Antone Alfred, was granted to Nelson Voorhees—bond \$1,500.

Administration de bonis on the estate of W. H. Erwin, was granted to J. H. Gray—bond \$3,000.

Licenses were granted Charles Potter to retail liquor at his place of business in Mt. Vernon Township, Burdett Skinner; by consent this case was dismissed.

It was ordered that John Adams, George Williams, Isaac Fairfax and Alexander Cocke be exempt from paying head tax on account of bodily infirmity.

Com. vs. Caleb Stone, &c.; continued, and ruled against witnesses.

It was ordered that the order substituting M. D. Ball in a certain deed of trust from McKenzie be rescinded.

The letters of administration of Lewis E. Oliver as administrator of E. E. Oliver were revoked.

Administration on the estate of W. S. Ackmood was granted J. H. Gray—bond \$1,200.

George B. Ives, collector of Falls Church Township, gave a new bond pursuant to law.

The last will of Arch Brown was proved and admitted to record, and Lucy Brown qualified as executrix—bond \$500.

The last will of Wm. Henderson was proved and admitted to record, and George Mason, the surviving executor named in the will, qualified—bond \$10,000.

Administration on the estate of Charles T. Watkins was granted to Annie M. Watkins, his widow—bond \$2,500.

The paper purporting to be the last will of Spencer A. Heath was proved to be wholly in his hand writing and ordered to be recorded.

Administration on the estates of Richard Jenkins, Elisha Jenkins and Wm. Jenkins was granted to Cyrus Hickcy.

On the petition of the stockholders of the Georgetown Turnpike Company, and it appearing that the company has abandoned the road, it was ordered that that portion of the road passing through Fairfax county be turned over to the said county.

James N. W. Pearson's motion for a road; road ordered to be opened according to the plan and survey.

It was ordered by the court that the county be divided into revenue districts, the Little River Turnpike constituting the dividing line.

Judges of election and three commissioners for each to lay off the several unincorporated districts into road precincts were appointed by the court.

The account of W. H. Pettett, jailor, (\$35.75) was ordered to be certified.

The usual licenses were granted W. B. Bulla and Dallas Powell to keep ordinaries and to retail liquors.

Several applications for license were made and docketed and continued until next court, and the court adjourned until Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

OVER THE DAM.—Yesterday afternoon Captain James Snyder, of the canal boat W. H. Boyer, allowed his boat to get too far out into the river before "getting out a line," and the stiff breeze carried the boat, which was not loaded, to the edge of the dam, where it swung around and then was flung over the dam, alighting in the surging water below wholly uninjured. On the boat were two men, a woman and child, and three mules. A colored man standing on the bank was thrown into the hold, and everybody and everything on board more or less shaken up, but no one was hurt and no damage was done. The boat cannot be gotten out of the river until a rise in the waters shall have taken place, when she will have to be towed to dam No. 6, and there locked into the canal.—*Cumberland News.*

Judge Robert Leech, formerly of Ohio, at one time Solicitor of the Sixth Auditor's office, and recently auditor of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, died suddenly in Washington city yesterday.

## MARRIED.

On the 4th of April, 1875, at the residence of the bride, in Kappahannock county, by Elder A. M. Grimley, JOHN HAWLEY, of Culpeper county, and Mrs. MAY WOODS, of Page county.

On the 6th of April, by the same, HERNDON JOHN SON and Miss BETTIE EY WATERS, all of Kappahannock county.

## [For the Alexandria Gazette.]

## THE PRINCE WILLIAM LILY.

TO ONE WHO WILL UNDERSTAND.

Prince William of ornaments has but a few; By war's ruthless hand it was nearly destroyed; Pray don't take offense, for surely it's true, But yet of attraction it is not devoid: For Flora has never desired it quite, Though its soil is sterile, rocky and hilly, It nurtures a flower so fragrant, so bright, That I may well term her the Prince William Lily.

As the rarest of flowers do oft bloom unseen, By Nature's wild freak she chanced to be thrown In her fairy bow this bright rural queen, So in her seclusion she blushed all alone.

But I'll never forget the evening that night— Pray don't term it boldness nor yet call it silly, When this vision of beauty first flashed on my sight— I said to myself, 'tis the Prince William Lily.

For the bright golden coronet wreathing her brow, Set off by the eyes of sapphire hue, Nature has studied her best to endow Her form with the grace that she grants to few.

One smile of approval I'd heard as a treasure; But if I've offered it surely will kill me; I would not for worlds incur the displeasure Of this lovely goddess, the Prince William Lily.

Byron of beautiful hours has written; Of lovely exotics he revels in song; Moore with the maids of green Erin was smitten, And others they furnish a glittering throng.

But this is a flower that rivets the attention, And causes respect that ever will thrill me. More I would said, but I merely will mention I'll ever admire the Prince William Lily.

SILVER SPURS.

SALERT April 19th, 1875.

## AGRICULTURAL.

CULTIVATING ASPARAGUS.—Asparagus being a native of the seashore, requires for its successful cultivation salt saline soil, either from natural causes or by applying salt as a top dressing on the beds yearly after planting. In order to produce a fair crop of asparagus sow the seed in early spring, in manured drills, very thinly, thinning the shoots out, too thick, to about two inches apart. The drills should be about three feet apart or, if preferred, can be at a greater distance, and beais or some other crop can be raised between the rows. The plants will be fit for transplanting the following spring, though some prefer two year old plants. This can be done in rows three feet apart, or in beds two feet apart in the row, leaving a wider space on the outside of every fourth row. I usually sow as deeply as possible, then shovel out the furrows to about a foot in depth, put in six inches of well rotted manure, set the plants about eighteen inches apart, cover the crown of the plant about four inches; the following spring level the ground, cultivate thoroughly, sow four or five bushels of salt per acre; late in the fall or winter cut the stems and lay them over the rows; cultivate again in the following spring as before, and in addition apply a good coat of manure. This season you can cut about one half, or better, one fourth, of the crop. The next season the greater part can be marketed off the early growth.

DO NOT SHOOT THE LITTLE BIRDS.—Some of our exchanges are complaining of the wholesale destruction of robins and other birds, mostly by boys, armed with shot guns. This cruel habit is indulged in more as a pastime than for sport, and any value which the birds possess. Will our young friends permit us to put in a plea for the birds? They are poor at this season; they have a precarious subsistence at best; they are mating and preparing to build nests; they are useful to the farmers, destroying thousands and millions of the insects that are so injurious to the crops of grain and fruit. In short, the birds have an important place in the economy of nature, and should not be destroyed in mere wantonness.

TO PREVENT CUT WORMS.—Soak your seed corn one night in a tub of equal portions of lye, made from ashes, and common urine, with a fair portion of blue stone dissolved therein. Pour off the liquid through a basket into a tub, to preserve for use again. Then, while the corn is wet, take a first class article of plaster and mix and stir till each and every grain is thickly coated, then thoroughly coat with the plaster, so as to cover the entire surface of grains. Then plant as usual, being careful not to break or rub off the coating. It is said to be, by those who have tested it, a complete preventive against those annoyances to all farmers.

## ROBERT L. WOOD

Will sell at AUCTION, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd, Fine Llama Lace Points; Llama Lace Jackets; Ladies' Shawls in great variety; beautiful Broche Shawls; Ladies' Fine Dress Goods; beautiful Shades of Cashmeres; Striped Plain Japanese Cloths; new style Grenadine; White Linen Lawns for Dresses; Figured Marcellines and Linens; Shambra Gingham, striped and plain; Real Irish Poplins; Piano and Table Covers; Kid Gloves; Thread Gloves; Cassimeres; Tweeds; Goods for Men and Boys; Splendid Cape Veils, Veil Berage and Grenadine. This is a private sale.

L. D. Harrison, Auctioneer. ap 21

## OUR STOCK COMPLETE—APRIL 20th.

We have opened and have on sale our entire purchases of SPRING and SUMMER DRY GOODS, notions, Hosiery, &c., and are prepared to offer great inducements to all cash buyers, or to prompt parties on short time.

Country merchants will find it greatly to their interests to purchase largely of us. We sell at Baltimore jobbing prices, and save to the buyer freight and other expenses.

Our stock is large and well assorted, and we sell at popular prices. D. F. BRASHEAR, ap 21

109 King street, Alexandria.

INFORMATION IS WANTED OF FRAMES MILLAN, who disappeared on Friday morning last. He is thirty years of age, about five feet eight inches high, and wore sandy whiskers. Had been working on the B. & P. R. R., and had been paid off just previous to his disappearance. Any information left with his mother, Mrs. SARAH B. MILLAN, Lehigh, Md., or his wife, at 99 Queen st., Alexandria, will be thankfully received. ap 21-3t

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited for the erection of a RESIDENCE and BAKERY for Mr. George Bauer. Plans and specifications to be seen at the store of L. Stein, Royal street, opposite the Market. Bids will be opened on the 25th instant, and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. ap 21-3t

CARBOLEIC CAMPHOR FOR MOths.

The above article is cheaper and more reliable than Common Camphor for the preservation of Furs, Carpets and Woolen Goods of all descriptions. In packages at 25 and 50 cents each. The trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by

W. F. CREIGHTON, ap 21

General Agent for Alexandria.

LOOK—NOW IS THE TIME.

As Spring approaches the Ants and Roaches begin to be troublesome. Now is the time to kill them by using the ROACH POWDER and PATENT GUM sold by

W. F. CREIGHTON, ap 21

85 King street, Alexandria, Va.

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE.

Having just returned from the above cities we are now prepared to show the finest selection of FANCY GOODS,

ever offered in Alexandria, consisting in part of Catepiller Trimmings, Bare and Bare back, Hamburg Edgings, Buttons, &c., also a full line of regular goods.

We have also a great many bargains bought for cash, which will sell at a small advance. 25 doz. Pocket Books at 12c; 25 doz. do. at 20c; 10 doz. Book Covers at 12c; 10 doz. Lace Trimmings at 10c; 10 doz. Collars at 6c; 10 doz. Collar Brushes 50c; 10 doz. Brushes 25c. Large assortment of Children's Round Combs at half their value, at

FERGUSON BROS. Hair and Fancy Goods Depot, 90 King street, ap 20

ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.

PROPOSALS are solicited at the Alexandria Water Company's office, No. 75 Prince street, for LIME, CEMENT, BRICK, and other materials, with RITHEE BRICK OR STONE. The slope of the bank is 2 to 1, and measures about 5000 square yards. For specifications or further information apply at the office to 1st May.

ap 20-1d T. D. FENDALL, Secretary.

## COMMERCIAL.

## Alexandria Market, April 21.

Flour, Fine.....	4 00	@	4 25
Superfine.....	4 75	@	5 00
Extra.....	5 00	@	5 25
Family.....	6 00	@	6 25
Family choice.....	6 75	@	7 00
Wheat, common to fair.....	1 45	@	1 50
Fair to good.....	1 15	@	1 25
Good to prime.....	1 25	@	1 35
Prime to choice.....	1 35	@	1 45
CORN, white.....	0 80	@	0 90
Mixed.....	0 88	@	0 89
Yellow.....	0 87	@	0 88
Bar-Corn.....	1 00	@	1 12
HYE.....	0 67	@	0 68
OATS.....	0 50	@	0 51
CHICKENS.....	3 50	@	3 50
BUTTER, prime.....	0 20	@	0 22
Common to middling.....	0 15	@	0 20
EGGS.....	0 18	@	0 20
IRISH POTATOES.....	0 60	@	0 75
THOMAS SEED.....	3 00	@	3 25
CLOVER SEED.....	7 50	@	7 75
SAPLING CLOVER.....	8 25	@	8 50
BACON, Hams, country.....	0 12	@	0 13
Western.....	0 15	@	0 16
Sides.....	0 13	@	0 14
Shoulders.....	0 10	@	0 11
LARD.....	0 10	@	0 11
DRIED APPLES.....	0 6	@	0 8
Green do.....	1 50	@	3 00
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	7 50	@	0 00
Ground, in bags or bulk.....	9 50	@	0 00
Ground, in bags, ret'd.....	8 50	@	0 00
Ground, in bulk, ret'd.....	4 10	@	5 00
SALT, G. (Liverpool).....	1 15	@	1 30
Fine.....	2 10	@	2 30
Turk's Island.....	0 35	@	0 40

REMARKS.—We have no change to note in Wheat; the market is fairly active at quotations; offerings of 1412 bushels red, with sales at 132, 134, 136 and 138 for prime to choice. Corn is quiet and steady; offerings of 504 bushels mixed, with sales at 88 and 89. Oats are less firm, and prices are off; sales at 67 and 68.

ALEXANDRIA FISH MARKET, April 21, 1875. The receipts since last report have been 10,000 Shad, which sold at from 15 to 20¢ per hundred; 40,000 Herring, which sold at 13¢ per thousand, and a small supply of Perch and Rock, which sold at high rates.

In Washington, yesterday, 12,000 Shad sold at 17 to 20¢ per hundred; 5,000 Herring at 15¢ per thousand; 500 Tailors at from 300 to \$400 per hundred; 500 Eels from 3 to 24¢ per hundred.

The receipts of Western grain yesterday were the largest since last report, in the experience of the Baltimore grain trade, amounting to 74,400 bushels of corn and 37,000 bushels of wheat. This amount was all entered at the elevators, and of course did not include the receipts known as "track corn" from Pennsylvania and other local sources, and by water as rice, which did not enter into elevators. The value of the grain received yesterday, estimating the corn at 88 cents and the wheat at an average of 125 cents per bushel, would represent an aggregate of \$111,972.

## PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 21.

Sun rose.....5 17 Moon rises.....7 39

Sun sets.....6 41 High water.....0 00

## ARRIVED.

Schr Carrie Holmes, Boston. She is at the ship yard for repairs.

Schr Mary H. Stockton, to master.

Schr S. F. Kewin, Baltimore, to W. A. Smoot.

Schr Ida Birdsal, Boston, to W. A. Smoot.

## PASSED UP.

Schrs Enoch Moore and Chamber, for Georgetown.

## SAILED.

Schr James Alderice, Providence, by American Coal Co.

Schr General Grant, Richmond, by Hoe & Johnston.

## MEMORANDA.

Schr R. C. Thomas, hence, at Boston 19th.

Schr A. F. Kindberg, hence, at N. Haven 17th.

Schr S. Miller, from Boston for this port, at Vineyard Haven 19th.

Schr Twilight sailed from Providence 17th for Georgetown.

## STATE TAXES.

The final period allowed by law for the payment of STATE TAXES for 1874 having passed, and I being required to make my final settlement with the Treasurer, I hope that all will come forward AT ONCE and settle their bills, and thereby save me the very disagreeable necessity of enforcing the law in regard to delinquent tax bills. Tax payers will be called upon as far as possible by either myself or Deputy. For the convenience of those who wish to call at once, I will be at my office, Room No. 4, Market House, (entrance on Fairfax street), from 9 to 10 a. m. and 4 to 6 p. m. every day.